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SUBJECT: SECSTATE VISIT -- TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE SUGGESTED
BY ARGENTINE FOREIGN MINISTRY

1. GIVEN BELOW IS ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE
SUGGESTED BY THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. WE HAVE ALREADY
POINTED OUT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT USG CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO
SUPPORT LANGUAGE ON MALVINAS WHICH GOES SO FAR AS TO PRESS
"REVINDICATION OF ARGENTINA OVER THE AFOREMENTIONED ISLANDS."
ON THIS AND SEVERAL OTHER POINTS ARGENTINES HAVE INDICATED THEIR
UNDERSTANDING THAT USG WILL NOT WISH TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE THEY
HAVE PROPOSED, BUT, THEY CONTINUE, THEY HAVE TRIED IN MOST CASES
TO WORD DOCUMENT AS CAREFULLY AS POSSIBLE AND THEY HOPE IT CAN
SERVE AS BASIS FOR A COMPOSITE DRAFT.

2. SPANISH TEXT TO FOLLOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT:

ARGENTINE-AMERICAN UNITED COMMUNIQUE
IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL INVITATION MADE BY THE ARGENTINE
GOVERNMENT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, DR. HENRY A. KISSINGER, VISITED THE REPUBLIC OF
ARGENTINA ON APRIL 24-25, 1975.

DURING THE VISIT, HER EXCELLENCY, MRS. MARIA ESTELA MARTINEZ
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DE PERON, PRESIDENT OF THE NATION, RECEIVED THE DISTINGUISHED

GUEST AND HAD A CORDIAL CONVERSATION WITH HIM.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA MET WITH THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND WORSHIP OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC, AMBASSADOR ALBERTO J. VIGNES, AND ALSO MET WITH THE MINISTER OF ECONOMY, DR. ALFREDO GOMEZ MORALES; WITH BOTH HE HAD AN OPEN AND FRANK DIALOGUE.

IN THE MEETINGS HELD BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DISCUSSIONS DEALT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, HEMISPHERIC RELATIONS, AND BILATERAL MATTERS.

THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA REAFFIRMED THEIR CONVICTION THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF EACH STATE TO COOPERATE, WITHIN ITS MEANS, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OTHER COUNTRIES AND TO INTENSIFY THIS COOPERATION FOR THE GOOD OF PROMOTING WELFARE, A NECESSARY BASIS FOR LIVING TOGETHER IN INTERNATIONAL HARMONY. WITHIN THIS CRITERIA, SPECIAL IMPORTANCE WAS GIVEN TO THE FULFILMENT OF INFRASTRUCTURAL WORKS, BECAUSE OF THE SOCIAL SIGNIFICANCE THESE HAVE; AND, IN THAT RESPECT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE MENTIONED BEING FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY THE DYNAMIC WAY IN WHICH THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA FACES THE DEVELOPMENT OF ITS VAST HYDROELECTRIC RESOURCES, INDICATING HIS INTEREST IN STUDYING THE POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. FIRMS MIGHT PARTICIPATE IN THIS GREAT TASK.

BOTH MINISTERS REITERATED THEIR CONVICTION THAT DIALOGUE WAS THE BEST MEANS TOWARDS MAKING INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS PROSPER, TOWARDS CONTRIBUTING TO THE SOLUTION OF CONFLICTS AND THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE. IN VIEW OF THIS, BOTH COINCIDED IN EXHORTING NATIONS DIVIDED BY DIFFERENCES TO INITIATE OR RENEW CONVERSATIONS WHICH WILL PERMIT THEM TO ELIMINATE FRICTION POINTS. THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WITH REFERENCE TO THE MATTER OF THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS, STATED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO SEE THE QUICK SOLUTION OF THIS DISPUTE WHICH ARGENTINA HAS WITH GREAT BRITAIN, IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNITED NATIONS MANDATES AND HEEDFUL TO THE REVINDICATION OF ARGENTINA OVER THE AFOREMENTIONED ISLANDS.

IN MATTERS OF PRODUCTION AND MARKETING OF FOODSTUFFS, BOTH THE ARGENTINE MINISTER AS WELL AS HIS AMERICAN COLLEAGUE AGREED THAT

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BOTH COUNTRIES MUST CONTINUE COOPERATING IN SEARCHING FOR SOLUTIONS IN MULTILATERAL MATTERS WHICH SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE INTERESTS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WHO EXPORT FOODSTUFFS. TO THIS EFFECT, THE SECRETARY OF STATE NOTED THE IMPORTANT ROLE THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC SHOULD PLAY IN THE SOLUTION OF THE WORLD FOOD PROBLEM, BOTH PARTS AGREEING TO HOLD A CONTINUOUS DIALOGUE AND IMMEDIATE CONSULTATIONS, IN THE EVENT OF AN EXCESS OF BASIC PRODUCTS, BEFORE PLACING THOSE PRODUCTS ON THE INTER-

NATIONAL MARKET.

BOTH MINISTERS ALSO COINCIDED IN THE NECESSITY AND CONVENIENCE OF INCREASING THE CONTACTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND LATIN AMERICA WITH THE AIM OF MAINTAINING A FLUID EXCHANGE OF VIEWPOINTS ON SUBJECTS OF COMMON INTEREST. MINISTER VIGNES AND SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER AGREED THAT THE PROPER MANNER TO FIND JUST AND REALISTIC SOLUTIONS TO COMPLEX MATTERS OF HEMISPHERIC INTEREST IS THROUGH THE NEW DIALOGUE. IT IS, THEREFORE, OF GREAT IMPORTANCE THAT THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN BUENOS AIRES, WHICH IS THE NEXT DIALOGUE, BE CONVOKED AS SOON AS IS CONVENIENT TO ALL THOSE TAKING PART. TO THIS EFFECT, THE SPEAKERS RECOGNIZED THAT THE NEW DIALOGUE CONSTITUTES AN EFFICIENT MECHANISM FOR THE BETTER UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, AND BECAUSE OF THIS BOTH PLEDGED TO MAKE THE NECESSARY EFFORTS SO THAT, ONCE THE REASONS WHICH MOTIVATED THE DELAYING OF THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING HAVE DISAPPEARED, THE NEW DIALOGUE SHOULD BE RENEWED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. MEANWHILE, BOTH CONSIDER THAT IT IS CONVENIENT TO CONTINUE THE MEETINGS OF THE WORK GROUPS CREATED IN THE MEETING OF TLATELOLCO SO AS TO MAKE AS MUCH PROGRESS AS POSSIBLE ON THE MATTERS WHICH THE AMERICAN MINISTERS MUST TAKE UP FOR CONSIDERATION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NEW DIALOGUE.

THIS COINCIDENCE ON THE FUTURE OF THE NEW DIALOGUE DOES NOT IMPLY THAT OTHER FORUMS FOR THE DISCUSSION OF INTERAMERICAN MATTERS ARE DISCARDED; ALL OF THEM ARE APPROPRIATE.

THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA AS WELL AS TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AGREED WITH EACH OTHER ON THE NECESSITY OF GIVING A NEW STRUCTURE TO THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM SO AS TO CONVERT IT INTO AN AGILE AND DYNAMIC INSTRUMENT AT THE SERVICE OF THE INTERESTS OF THE MEMBER STATES AND SO THAT IT CAN FACE THE NEW PROBLEMS OF THE CONTINENT WITH REALITY. ATTENTIVE TO THE FACT THAT THE MEMBER STATES CANNOT BE SUBORDINATE TO THE OAS, BUT THE LATTER CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE AFOREMENTIONED, BOTH SIDES COINCIDED ON THE NECESSITY OF AN EFFORT MADE WITH THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE SO AS TO MODIFY A SYSTEM WHICH DOES NOT RESPOND TO PRESENT NECESSITIES. IN CONSEQUENCE OF THAT EXPRESSED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH, BOTH MINISTERS COINCIDED THAT THE ELECTION OF THE NEXT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES HAS A SPECIAL MEANING; HENCE, THE OFFICIAL CHOSEN FOR THIS POST SHOULD HAVE THE SUPPORT OF A SUBSTANTIAL MAJORITY OF THE MEMBER STATES.

DURING THEIR CONVERSATIONS, DR. KISSINGER AND AMBASSADOR VIGNES REVIEWED THE AGENDA FOR THE V ORDINARY PERIOD OF SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND AGREED ON THE NECESSITY OF ACCEPTING PROCEDURES WHICH WILL PERMIT THE LONG AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED WITH A QUICKNESS WHICH SHALL NOT AFFECT THE SERIOUS STUDY OF THE MATTERS INCLUDED BUT WHICH WILL

PERMIT, EVENTUALLY, THE ANALYSIS OF NEW INITIATIVES WHICH MIGHT COME UP FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERAMERICAN SYSTEM.

WHEN CONSIDERING THE IMPACT OF THE NEW TRADE LAW OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON INTERAMERICAN RELATIONS, BOTH SIDES CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT - EVEN THOUGH IN PRINCIPLE IT IS A POSITIVE STEP TOWARD CONTINENTAL COMMERCIAL RELATIONS - THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENTS SHOULD BE SOUGHT, AND THE LAW SHOULD BE SO CONSTRUED AS TO PERMIT THE GREATEST POSSIBLE BENEFIT FOR ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

DURING THE INTERVIEWS HELD, SEVERAL ASPECTS OF BILATERAL RELATIONS WERE ANALYZED WITH ALL APPROPRIATE THOROUGHNESS. IN A PRAGMATIC SPIRIT AND WITH MUTUAL RESPECT FOR THEIR OWN INDIVIDUALITIES AND NATIONAL INTERESTS, BOTH SIDES CONSIDERED THAT THESE RELATIONS HAVE REACHED AN EXCELLENT LEVEL, AND BOTH AGREED TO KEEP A FLUID CONTACT AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AS A MEANS TOWARDS SOLVING EXISTING PROBLEMS AND AVOID FUTURE MISUNDERSTANDINGS. END TEXT.

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